

**AGENDA**  
**Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners**  
**County Board Room, County Building**  
**Tuesday, November 12, 2013, 10:00 A.M.**  
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**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**ITEM #1**

Pursuant to Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-30 *Public Testimony*, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon at this time to deliver testimony germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and the Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Secretary to the Board.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ITEM # 2**

Pursuant to Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-7 *Consent Calendar*, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Resolutions for your consideration. Any Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Secretary to the Board.

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**PRESIDENT**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT  
FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY  
PROCUREMENT CODE**

**ITEM #3**

Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

Making a change to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") procurement code for the purpose of furthering the goals of transparency and accountability with respect to the procurement process.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners that Title 1, Chapter 8, Section 1-8-2, Subsection O of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

**TITLE 1 - ADMINISTRATIVE**

**CHAPTER 8 - DISTRICT FINANCES**

**PRESIDENT (continued)**

**ITEM #3 cont'd**

**1-8-2: - CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.**

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**O. *Purchase Procedure:***

1. *Purchases exceeding \$25,000.00:* The purchases of and contracts for supplies, materials, equipment and contractual services and all sales of personal property, equipment or other property which has become obsolete or unusable shall be based on competitive bids, except as provided in Subsection 5a and (6) of this section. If the amount involved is estimated to exceed \$25,000.00, sealed bids shall be solicited by public notice on the District's web-site. Such notices shall include a general description of the commodities or contractual services to be purchased or personal property, equipment or other property to be sold and shall state where all blanks and specifications may be obtained and the time and place for the opening of bids.
2. *Purchases of \$750.00 or less:* Purchases, excluding professional services, having a cost of \$750.00 or less may be made with "direct pay voucher" in the open market.
3. *Purchases greater than \$750.00 and less than \$25,000.00:* Except as provided in Subsections N and P of this section 1-8-2 of the District's Code, all purchases of, and contracts for supplies, materials, equipment and contractual services and all sales of personal property, equipment or other property greater than \$750.00 and less than \$25,000.00 shall be based on competitive bids solicited by the Purchasing Agent via the District's web-site or as otherwise prescribed by the Purchasing Agent. Such bids, in order to be considered shall be submitted solely and directly to the Purchasing Agent and shall be rejected automatically if not submitted as directed by the Purchasing Agent. ~~may be made in the open market without publication in a newspaper as above provided, but whenever practical shall be based on at least three competitive bids.~~
4. *Authorization for purchases over \$150,000.00:* No purchases, orders or contracts of \$150,000.00 or more shall be made unless authorized by the District Board. All sales of obsolete or unusable material, property, or equipment shall be made to the highest bidder, except as provided for in Subsection N and P of this section 1-8-2.
5. *Determination of award:* All purchases, orders, or contracts, except those which by their nature are not adaptable to award by competitive bidding, shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, taking into consideration the qualities of the articles supplied, their conformity with the specifications, their suitability to the requirements of the District and the delivery terms. In the determination of the award to the lowest responsible bidder, nothing herein shall be interpreted to preclude an award to a bidder other than the lowest actual bidder if such an award is made in furtherance of affirmative action policies adopted by the District

**PRESIDENT (continued)**

**ITEM #3 cont'd**

Purchasing Agent for the promotion of nondiscriminatory hiring practices and equal employment opportunity. Provided, however, that the award of all contracts shall be responsible and reasonable. Any bid may be rejected and new bids may be solicited if the public interest is served thereby. Each bid, with the name of the bidder, shall be entered on a record with the successful bid indicated thereon. After the award of the purchase, order, or contract, said record shall be open to public inspection. A copy of all contracts shall be filed with the District Legal Department and Purchasing Agent.

6. *Distribution of assets:*

- a. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, the District Board reserves the right to designate certain unusable, surplus and/or obsolete personal property, equipment or other property (hereinafter referred to collectively as "assets") for distribution as charitable donations. Assets may be designated for distribution as charitable donations, if:
  - (1) A determination has been made that the assets are not needed by any department or division of the District;
  - (2) The assets are of a type that would provide a beneficial service in either the medical or education fields to a another entity; and
  - (3) The recipient of the assets is a legitimate nonprofit organization, local or foreign governmental entity.
- b. The assets shall be transferred by an appropriate instrument of transfer, which shall include:
  - (1) A provision that requires the recipient to use the property in a manner that  
primarily promotes the implementation or improvement of educational services  
available to the public; and
  - (2) A provision that indicates that ownership of the assets automatically reverts to the District if the entity at any time fails to use the property in that manner.

The responsibility for determining the recipient of the donation, pursuant to the above guidelines shall reside in the Office of the President of the District Board, with approval by the District Board.

**Effective date:** This amended ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

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**PRESIDENT (continued)**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO PAY THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) THE LOCAL SHARE OF CONSTRUCTION  
COSTS FOR THE THORN CREEK BICYCLE TRAIL**

**ITEM #4**

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**WHEREAS**, a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) has been awarded to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") by the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") to construct a 4.75 miles of the Thorn Creek Bicycle Trail (hereafter the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, on February 4, 2013, the Board of Commissioners authorized the District to enter into a local agency agreement (the "Local Agency Agreement"), with the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") to pay 20% of the Phase III Construction Engineering costs associated with the Project, estimated at \$90,956.00; and

**WHEREAS**, IDOT has now awarded the construction of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Agency Agreement also provides for the division of construction costs for the Project and payment of 20% of the construction cost by the District as the Local Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the total construction cost for the project is estimated at \$5,698,000.00 and the District's 20% local share of the construction cost is estimated at \$1,138,600.00;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County hereby authorizes the District to pay 20% of the construction cost to IDOT pursuant to the Local Agency Agreement.

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO PAY THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) THE LOCAL SHARE OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR THE  
NORTH BRANCH BICYCLE TRAIL LAKE COOK ROAD EXTENSION**

**ITEM #5**

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PRESIDENT (continued)**

**ITEM #5 cont'd**

**WHEREAS**, a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) has been awarded to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") by the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") to construct 1.0 mile of the North Branch Bicycle Trail-Lake Cook Road Extension to the Greenbay Trail (hereafter the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2013, the Board of Commissioners authorized the District to enter into a local agency agreement (the "Local Agency Agreement"), with the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") to pay 20% of the Phase III Construction Engineering costs associated with the Project, estimated at \$158,800.00; and

**WHEREAS**, IDOT has now awarded the construction of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Agency Agreement also provides for the division of construction costs for the Project and payment of 20% of the construction costs to IDOT by the District as the Local Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the total construction costs for Stage 1 may not exceed \$1,445,615.00 of which IDOT will be responsible for 80% (\$1,156,492.00) and the Local Agency 20% (\$289,123.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the District will be fully reimbursed for Local Agency costs by the Chicago Botanic Garden ("Garden") pursuant to an Agreement with the Garden that caps the District's cost for the Project at \$100,000.00, an amount which has already been paid under prior engineering service contracts for the Project;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County hereby authorize the District to pay 20% of the construction cost to IDOT pursuant to the Local Agency Agreement.

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**COMMISSIONERS**

**REPORT**

**2013 PICNIC PERMIT USERS SUMMARY REPORT FROM THE 13TH DISTRICT**

**ITEM #6**

Submitting a Report sponsored by

LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to submit the Picnic Permit Users Summary Report from the 13th District Report for 2013

**COMMISSIONERS (continued)**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ITEM #7**

Rules ..... Meeting of November 12, 2013  
Finance..... Meeting of November 12, 2013

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**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

**EASEMENT REQUEST  
FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FOR BRIDGE AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION ON  
RAND ROAD AT THE DESPLAINES RIVER**

**ITEM #8**

Transmitting a communication dated November 12, 2013, from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to grant permanent and temporary easements to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for bridge and road reconstruction on Rand Road at the Des Plaines River. The area for the permanent easements is 0.05 acre. The area for the temporary easement is 0.02 acres. IDOT indicates that 1 live tree will be impacted on District property for the project.

Reason: IDOT states that the existing bridge was built in 1928 and needs a complete replacement. In addition, raising the road profile will reduce flooding on the road and adjacent properties. The addition of turn lanes will reduce collisions at the adjacent North Elementary School and Scott Nolan Hospital entrances. The addition of a 10' wide side path will provide multi-use connection to the Des Plaines River Trail and the North Elementary School. The permanent easement is for construction and maintenance of the bridge, part of which presently exists on FPCC property. The temporary easement is for re-grading and reconstruction of part of the Des Plaines River Trail.

Easement Fee: IDOT has agreed to pay fair market value for the easements

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$3,982.00

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): 17

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**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**LICENSE REQUEST  
FOR THE VILLAGE OF GLENCOE STORM SEWER OUTFALLS**

**ITEM #9**

Transmitting a Communication dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“The District”) to grant a License to the Village of Glencoe (the “Village”) to locate, operate and maintain two storm sewer outfalls into the East Diversion Ditch of the Skokie Lagoons.

The purpose of the proposed outfalls is to reduce flooding in the southwest part of the Village. The East Diversion Ditch was first constructed in the 1930s to receive and convey stormwater runoff from lands east of Skokie Lagoons. The Village has one existing licensed outfall at the location of the two proposed outfalls. The two proposed outfalls are draining the same tributary area as the one existing licensed outfall, so no new flows will be conveyed to the Ditch. The Village has demonstrated that the existing and proposed discharges to the Ditch, for the 100-year, 2-hour storm event, are equal. The Village states that by replacing one outfall with three, velocities of flows into the Ditch should be substantially reduced. The Village will enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the District whereby the Village will assume all maintenance responsibilities for the East Diversion Ditch from Dundee Road to Tower Road. The Village also agrees to make erosion control improvements near the outfalls that will include native plantings.

Details of the proposed license are:

Term: Continuous

License Fee: \$3,300.00

License Application Fee: \$500.00

YELAR Fee: \$3,300.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$7,100.00 for the term of the License

(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

The area of the License is 0.02 acre

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): 13

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**PROCUREMENTS & DISBURSEMENTS  
NOVEMBER 2013 REPORT**

**ITEM #10**

Transmitting a Communication dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period September 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013. This report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2(BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

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**PROPOSED AGREEMENT  
REQUEST TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR AUDUBON CHICAGO REGION  
AND PROPOSED RIGHT OF ENTRY**

**ITEM #11**

Transmitting a Communication, dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to enter into an agreement with the Audubon Chicago Region (ACR).

Reason: Audubon Chicago Region (ACR) has obtained a Save Our Great Lakes grant in the amount of \$100,000.00, a portion of which is to be used for restoration work at Miami Woods. The total project cost will be \$200,000.00 and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") hereby request permission to cover a portion of the remaining costs.

The project will provide a significant benefit to the District because it will improve riparian stopover habitat for migratory birds at Miami Woods by planting shrubs and trees.

In support of this project, the District desires to partner with ACR to assist in completion of the Project by providing funds, materials, equipment or other in-kind support in an amount not-to-exceed \$20,000.00. ACR is contributing the additional \$80,000.00 to complete the required match. With this in mind, the District desires and requests authority to grant ACR, its contractors and/or subcontractors a limited right-of-entry/access upon District property, based upon the District's Partnership Agreement.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$20,000.00. Grant Award: \$100,000.00

Account Name-Number: Potential Grant Match and Working Fund - 09-6757



**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**ITEM #11 cont'd**

Funding period: September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015

The Chief Attorney and Chief Financial Officer have approved this item.

District(s): 13

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**PROPOSED AGREEMENT  
REQUEST TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR FRIENDS OF  
THE FOREST PRESERVES AND PROPOSED RIGHT OF ENTRY**

**ITEM #12**

Transmitting a Communication, dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to enter into an agreement with the Friends of the Forest Preserves (FFP).

Reason: Friends of the Forest Preserves (FFP) have obtained a grant from the Save Our Great Lakes Program in the amount of \$161,004.00 to be used generally for restoration activities within the Plum Creek Forest Preserve. The total project cost will be \$322,465.00 and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") hereby request permission to cover a portion of the remaining costs.

The project will provide a significant benefit to the District because it will improve the Plum Creek Forest Preserve by restoring and improving a quality stretch of stream in dire need of bank stabilization, improve aquatic habitat in the stream for fish and aquatic invertebrates, the diversity and ecological integrity of native plant communities along this waterway, including control of invasive species, and re-seeding native plants on 25 wetland and associated grassland acres and 1,150 feet of stream bank within the Plum Creek Forest Preserve.

In support of this project, the District desires to partner with Friends of the Forest Preserves to assist in completion of the Project by providing funds, materials, equipment or other in-kind support in an amount not-to-exceed \$125,000.00. FFP will be contributing \$35,661.00 and Openlands will be contributing \$800.00 to complete the required match. With this in mind, the District desires and requests authority to grant FFP, its contractors and/or subcontractors a limited right-of-entry/access upon District property, based upon the District's Partnership Agreement.

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**ITEM #12 cont'd**

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$125,000.00. Grant Award: \$161,004.00

Account Name-Number: Potential Grant Match and Working Fund -09-6757

Funding period: September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015

The Chief Attorney and Chief Financial Officer have approved this item.

District(s): 6

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT (TASK ORDER)  
ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR  
LANDSCAPE & CIVIL ENGINEERING PROGRAM – 09D**

**ITEM #13**

Transmitting a Communication dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authority to enter into a contract (Task Order) between Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (District) for architectural and engineering design services for design of comfort stations under its landscape and civil engineering program.

Reason: Contract (Task Order) #13-80-02-09D is for architectural and engineering design services for the District's landscape and civil engineering capital improvement program. The project scope includes design, bidding and construction administration for five (5) new comfort stations and renovation of seven (7) existing comfort stations with estimated construction budget of \$1,500,000.00.

On December 5, 2012, the Board of Commissioners approved a pre-qualified pool of 85 firms for architectural & engineering design services for the District's capital improvement programs. A professional services agreement was subsequently executed with each pre-qualified firm which provided for engagement of services for specific projects via a Task Order.

The Forest Preserve District issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on August 2, 2013, to six pre-qualified firms and received proposals from five firms. A selection committee determined that Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, and its team of sub-consultants was most qualified to provide design services for the landscape and civil engineering program.

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**ITEM #13 cont'd**

Fiscal Impact: \$154,053. 00

Account Name-Account Number: General Consulting Services Accounts-25-6740, 51-6740, 52-6740, & 60-6740

Contract Period: 20 months from Notice to Proceed.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

The Chief Attorney and Chief Financial Officer have approved this item.

District(s): 6, 14, 16 and 17

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT (TASK ORDER)  
ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES  
FOR LANDSCAPE & CIVIL ENGINEERING PROGRAM – GROUP 04Da**

**ITEM #14**

Transmitting a Communication dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “District”) to enter into a contract with Site Design Group, Ltd., Chicago, Illinois, for design, bidding and construction administration for improvements identified in the master planning of Dan Ryan Woods.

Reason: Contract (Task Order) #13-80-02-04Da is for architectural and engineering design services for the District’s landscape and civil engineering capital improvement program. The estimated construction budget is \$785,000.00.

On December 5, 2012, the Board of Commissioners approved a pre-qualified pool of 85 firms for architectural & engineering design services for the District’s capital improvement programs. A professional services agreement, which provided for engagement of services for specific projects via a Task Order, was subsequently executed with each pre-qualified firm.

A Task Order (#13-80-02-04D) was previously issued to Site Design Group on May 1, 2013 in the amount of \$67,190.00 to design improvements at Eggers and master plan at Dan Ryan Woods. The District now desires to issue a new Task Order to Site Design Group

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**ITEM #14 cont'd**

for up to \$85,710.00. This new Task Order requires Board approval as the total combined award equals \$152,900.00.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$85,710.00.00

Account Name-Number: General Consulting Services Accounts - 25-6740, 51-6740, 52-6740 and 60-6740

Contract period: 19 months from the issuance of the Notice to Proceed

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

District(s): 3 and 11

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT (Task Order)  
ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES  
FOR LANDSCAPE & CIVIL ENGINEERING PROGRAM – GROUP 06Da**

**ITEM #15**

Transmitting a Communication dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “District”) to enter into a contract with Upland Design Ltd., Plainfield, Illinois, for design, bidding and construction administration for improvements identified in the master planning of Thatcher Woods, Trailside Museum and Miller Meadow.

Reason: Contract (Task Order) #13-80-02-06Da is for architectural and engineering design services for the District’s landscape and civil engineering capital improvement program. The estimated construction budget is \$607,500.00.

On December 5, 2012, the Board of Commissioners approved a pre-qualified pool of 85 firms for architectural & engineering design services for the District’s capital improvement programs. A professional services agreement, which provided for engagement of services for specific projects via a Task Order, was subsequently executed with each pre-qualified firm.

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**ITEM #15 cont'd**

A Task Order (#13-80-02-06D) was previously issued to Upland Design Ltd. on May 1, 2013 in the amount of \$99,866.00 for master plans or design of improvements at Thatcher woods, Trailside Museum, GHQ and Miller Meadow. The District now desires to issue a new Task Order to Site Design Group for up to \$83,360.00. This new Task Order requires Board approval as the total combined award equals \$183,226.00.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$83,360.00

Account Name-Number: General Consulting Services Accounts - 25-6740, 51-6740, 52-6740 and 60-6740

Contract period: 19 months from the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

District(s): 9 and 16

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT  
CITY'S GREENCORPS CHICAGO PROGRAM**

**ITEM #16**

Transmitting a Communication dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization to amend an existing Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with the City of Chicago to reflect increased utilization of the City's Greencorps Chicago Program and increased funding of the same to facilitate various restoration and habitat enhancement projects.

Reason: The City of Chicago Department of Transportation manages a green industry job training program called Greencorps Chicago. Greencorps Chicago provides re-entry opportunities and skills to unemployed individuals in landscaping and horticulture, tree care, ecological restoration, chain saw operation, herbicide application, seed collection, plant identification, regional ecology and prescribed burn training. The District wishes to utilize Greencorps Chicago crews in undertaking certain ecological restoration and habitat enhancement projects, as well as other related land management projects. The District has assisted the City in recent years with training and educational opportunities.

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**ITEM #16 cont'd**

This increased utilization and corresponding additional funding will allow for the District and the City's Greencorps program to enhance their mutually beneficial relationship.

The IGA was previously approved at the March 19, 2013 Board meeting with a dollar amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$125,000.00 for a total fiscal commitment of \$375,000.00

Contract period: Date of execution through February 29, 2014.

Account Names/Account Numbers: Intern Programs 09-6758 and Habitat Restoration 09-6750

The Chief Attorney and Chief Financial Officer have approved this item.

District (s): Districtwide

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**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD  
FROM THE ILLINOIS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM THROUGH THE ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS**

**ITEM #17**

Transmitting a Communication, dated November 12, 2013

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization to accept a grant award from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, through the Illinois Coastal Management Program, to launch the Next Generation Youth Outdoor Ambassador program. The total project cost is \$199,240.00 with the grant providing \$99,115.00 in funding, and the Forest Preserves contributing \$100,125.00 in match. The Next Generation Youth Outdoor Ambassador program will hire teen ambassadors to engage with their peers to determine which forest preserve programs resonate with teens and motivate them to visit the forest preserves to explore nature and engage in healthy outdoor recreation activities. The program will reach at least 800 teens and culminate in a regional Teen Summit. The Forest Preserve plans to partner with Fishin' Buddies, Chicago Wilderness, the Chicago Housing Authority's Altgeld Garden Housing Project, and others, on this project. All activities will take place in the Calumet region in Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$100,125.00 Grant Award: \$99,115.00 Funding period: October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

The Chief Attorney and Chief Financial Officer have approved this item.

District(s): 4 and 5

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**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
NOVEMBER 2013**

**ITEM #18**

Transmitting a Communication dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**Wednesday, November 13**  
7:30 pm

**Please Don't Feed the Dolphins!**

Brookfield Zoo

The Chicago Zoological Society's Sarasota Dolphin Research Program conducts the world's longest-running study of a wild dolphin population. Join Dr. McHugh for insight into issues facing dolphins in the wild. Registration is required; \$16 per person.

**Friday, November 15**  
7 pm

**A Night in November**

Little Red School House, Willow Springs

Join us for an evening nature walk in mid-November. Pre-registration required; \$2 per person.

**Monday, November 18**

9 am to 1 pm

**Wrapped in Red: Silk Scarf Dyeing with Natural Dyes**

**Chicago Botanic Garden**

In this class students will learn about two different natural red dyes: cochineal, a blue-red dye from the America, and madder, an orange-red dye from Asia Minor. Students will combine these two dyes to produce a unique red color on a silk scarf, which they will take home. Fee applies.

**Saturday, November 16**  
1 to 4 pm

**Family Archery & Outdoor Exploration Day**

Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Grove 5, 87th and Western

Bring the family to enjoy nature and participate in our Family Archery Workshop, for kids and adults. Instruction provided. Other games and exploration activities will also be provided by staff.

**Sunday, November 17**  
1 pm

**Feathered Friend Feeders**

Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Want to enjoy birds up close this winter? Join us in making easy bird feeders. Learn how to attract birds to your yard and maybe even keep the squirrels out.

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**ITEM #18 cont'd**

**Sunday, November 17**  
1 to 3 pm

**Nature Journaling**  
Trailside Museum, River Forest  
Begin your exploration of journaling with this workshop and a hike! Plus, get a guide to take home to help you continue nature journaling on your own. Please register at 708.366.6530.

**Thursday, November 21**  
6 to 9 pm

**Films in the Forest: Connected**  
Cummings Square, River Forest  
The Forest Preserves' outdoor film series moves inside with Connected, a funny, eye-opening, and inspiring film by Director Tiffany Shlain that takes audiences on an exhilarating rollercoaster ride to discover what it means to be connected in the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Friday, November 22**  
7 pm

**Nightlife: Evening Owl Prowl**  
River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook  
Take a hike outside to try and call in some local owls. Afterwards, warm up inside with snacks and see owls up close. Registration required; \$2 per person.

**Saturday, November 23**  
10 am to 12 pm

**Nature Journaling**  
Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington  
Begin your exploration of journaling with this workshop and a hike! Plus, get a guide to take home to help you continue nature journaling on your own.

**Sunday, November 24**  
10 am to 3 pm

**41st Annual Settlers' Day**  
Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland  
Celebrate our heritage by stepping back into America's past. Don't miss costumed living-history demonstrators, history hikes, crafts, an imaginary wagon train adventure and more! Admission is free, though donations of nonperishable food or money, to benefit a local food depository, will be gratefully accepted.

**Friday, November 29**  
1 pm

**Turkey Trot Hike**  
Trail Side Museum, River Trail  
Walk off that turkey dinner on a special post-holiday guided hike on the trails around Trailside Museum. Registration required by 11/27.



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**ITEM #18 cont'd**

**Saturday, November 30**  
**Sunday, December 1**  
4 to 9 pm

**Holiday Magic**

Brookfield Zoo

See the lights. Feel the magic.

Continue your family tradition or start a new one during Chicagoland's largest holiday lights festival, which features over one million twinkling lights, animated light displays, a new laser show and a new video light show! Santa and Mrs. Claus will greet children through December 22. Regular parking and admission fees apply.

**Friday, November 29 - Jan. 5**  
10 am to 6 pm

**Wonderland Express**

Chicago Botanic Garden

Watch miniature trains wind through a village of tiny Chicago landmarks created from natural materials. Tour the decorated greenhouses and take in a gingerbread village display. Be wowed by the display of 750,000 lights that trim the route from the entrance to the magical courtyards. Tickets required.

**Sunday, December 1**  
11 am and 1 pm

**Hanukkah Concert**

Chicago Botanic Garden

The Maxwell Street Klezmer Band will perform a one hour concert in the Alsdorf Auditorium. Tickets required.